Development of ground waters resources

2123. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken during the year 1986-87 to develop ground water resources; and

(b) what steps have been taken to increase the re-charge the ground water?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Steps taken include, acceleration of hydrogeological surveys and exploratory drilling, strengthening of State Ground Water Organisations with special emphasis on the north-eastern region, and conjunctive use of ground water in irrigation commands.

For increasing recharge to ground water, a number of water shed management schemes, construction of percolation tanks etc. have been taken up.

Cost of production in copper mines

2124. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Capital Investment in each of the Copper Mines being operated by Hindustan Copper Limited; and

(b) what is the cost of production inclusive of depreciation interest and overheads, of Copper concentrate mined by Hindustan Copper Limited, spearately, in the case of underground and open cast mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foodgrains Production

2125. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of foodgrains is likely to fall during the current year; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Final estimates of production of foodgrains for the crop year 1986-87 have not yet been received not yet become due from various States. However based on preliminary reports received from various States as also keeping in view the rainfall and weather conditions etc., it is currently assessed that all India production of foodgrains during 1986-87 might be in the range of 149.0-151.0 million tonnes, as compared to 150.5 million tonnes in 1985-86. The low level of production of foodgrains in 1986-87 might be attributed to adverse weather conditions faced in some of the principal producing States during the Kharif season.

Fencing of D.D.A. colonies

2126. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by D.D.A. to protect its colonies from public encroachments in the recent past;

(b) whether D.D.A. are expected to construct its own compound walls and iron fencings around its colonies;

(c) if so, what are the names of the colonies which has not constructed compound walls as on date;

(d) what are the names of the colonies which have no iron fencing; and

(e) what steps are being taken to erect both compound walls and iron fencing around these colonies immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The following steps are being taken to prevent encroachment on unutilised lands of DDA:—

(i) Removal of fresh encroachments through Mobile demolition squad of DDA.

(ii) Proceeding for prosecution under the amended provisions of Delhi Development Act.

(iii) Action by Special Cell of the Police.

(iv) Instructions have been issued by the LG to SHOs to check fresh encroachment.

(v) Orders making the concerned field staff personally responsible at various levels have been issued.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of the reply to Part (b) above.

Structural defects in D.D.A. flats

2127. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of D.D.A. flats in which structural defects were detected during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(b) how many among them were rectified by D.D.A. during the period, year and zone-wise;

(c) how much amount has been spent by D.D.A. during the period, year-wise and zone-wise;

(d) whether D.D.A. has charged owners or allottees of flats for these repair works, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether any representation has been received in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement [*See* Appendix CXLI Annexure No. 93]

(d) and (e) The amount spent on account of rectification of defects is recoverable from the contractor and as such this amount is not charged from the allottees. Representation if any received from the allottees are suitable replied remedial action taken.

Joint ownership of D.D.A. flats

2128. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.D.A. has issued a notification recently on joint ownership of D.D.A. flats; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for issuing of such a public notice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a measure to promote welfare of women and to protect their social and domestic status.